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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DEC. 7 'NOVEDADES' EDITORIAL:

"AT SAME TIME THAT THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE (SIC) OF THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRY DECLARED IN NEW YORK THAT PRESIDENT NIXON'S ADMINISTRATION IS IN FAVOR OF A FRANK DIALOGUE WITH LATIN AMERICA, THAT GOVERNMENT'S NEW AMBASSADOR, JOSEPH JOHN JOVA GONZALEZ, SHOWED HIMSELF INCLINED -- PERHAPS AS ANOTHER CHAPTER IN THIS SAME DIALOGUE TO BROACH WITH EQUANIMITY THE COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS WHICH ARISE BETWEEN HIS COUNTRY AND OURS, TO NEGOTIATE THE SITUATION OF MIGRATORY WORKERS WHO ILLEGALLY CROSS THE FRONTIER AND WHO CAUSE -- HE SAID -- ONE OF THE THORNIEST PROBLEMS, AND LIKEWISE TO SEEK, IN THE CASE OF THE COLORADO RIVER SALINITY, TO ACCELERATE THE PROCESS OF THE DEFINITIVE SOLUTION ALREADY IN TRAIN. AS THE SAME DIPLOMAT EMPHASIZED, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT HIS MISSION IS TO DEFEND UNITED STATES' INTERESTS; HOWEVER, WITHIN THIS ATTITUDE IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT THERE WILL BE MAINTAINED THE INDISPENSABLE SENSE OF JUSTICE, BECAUSE IN THE END THE BEST GUARANTEE

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FOR AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL ADVANTAGE FOR BOTH NATIONS DEPENDS

ON SUCH JUSTICE. AS FAR AS MEXICO IS CONCERNED, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A DISPOSITION TO NEGOTIATE, SINCE THIS IS THE MOST IDEAL WAY TO TREAT CONFLICTS OF ANY SORT. AMBASSADOR JOVA GONZALEZ HIMSELF RECALLED THE CHAMIZAL EPISODE WHICH IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF HOW GOODWILL CAN REMOVE THE OLDEST AND MOST STUBBORN OF OBSTACLES; HIS CATALOGING OF PENDING SUBJECTS INDICATES THAT HE HAS PREPARED HIMSELF BY UNDERSTANDING AND STUDYING THEM; FOR ALL OF THIS WE WISH HIM A STAY WHICH WILL BE COMPREHENSIVE AND USEFUL FOR THE FRIENDSHIP OF BOTH COUNTRIES."

2. DEC. 9 MEXICO CITY PRESS CARRIED (WITHOUT EDITORIAL COMMENT) EFE WASHINGTON RELEASE CONCERNING LETTER TO SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE FROM COMMITTEE FOR AN OPEN SOCIETY. ACCORDING TO EFE, HIGGS' GROUP PROPOSED THAT SENATOR FULLBRIGHT QUESTION AMBASSADOR JOVA CONCERNING "BRACEROS", SALINITY, "THE ROLE OF CIA IN RELATION TO US AMBASSADOR IN MEXICO", BORDER INDUSTRY, POPULATION CONTROL PROGRAMS, AND EFFECTS ON MEXICO OF PENDING TRADE LEGISLATION.
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